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Identification No	Filing Date	Title of Application
App. No.: 10/076,144 Abandoned	February 15, 2002	Filtration Media of Porous Inorganic Particles
PCT/US02/05753 Int'l Pub. No.: WO 02/070105	February 28, 2002	Filtration Media of Porous Inorganic Particles
– International Search Report, mailed on October 24, 2002 (a copy was submitted previously).		
Patent No.: 6,814,783 Patent App. Pub. No.: 2004/0011203 App. No.: 10/363,849	March 14, 2003	Filtration Media of Porous Inorganic Particles
– Non-Final Rejection, mailed on February 13, 2004. – Reply and Amendment, submitted on April 26, 2004. – Examiner Interview Summary Report, mailed on April 28, 2004.		
Patent App. Pub. No.: 2005/0028498 App. No.: 10/632,805 Pending	August 4, 2003	Separation Apparatus
– Non-Final Rejection, mailed on February 7, 2005. – Reply, submitted on May 4, 2005.		
Patent App. Pub. No.: 2004/0139858 App. No.: 10/690,454 Pending	October 22, 2003	Filtration Media of Porous Inorganic Particles
App. No.: 10/699,573 Pending	October 31, 2003	High Capture Efficiency Baffle
– Non-Final Rejection, mailed on April 28, 2005.		
Patent App. Pub. No.: 2005/0016376 App. No.: 10/866,250 Pending	June 14, 2004	Filtration Media
Patent App. Pub. No.: 2005/0002833 App. No.: 10/894,032 Pending	July 20, 2004	Filtration Media
– Non-Final Rejection, mailed on January 27, 2005. – Reply, submitted on April 28, 2005.		
PCT/US2004/023377 Int'l Pub. No.: WO 2005/017415 Pending	July 21, 2004	Separation Apparatus
App. No.: 10/934,636 Pending	September 3, 2004	Filtration Media of Porous Inorganic Particles
PCT/US2004/032311 Pending	October 19, 2004	High Capture Efficiency Baffle
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	A2	5,479,907		Walker, Jr.	01-02-1996	
	A3	4,545,792		Hüttlin, H.	10-08-1985	
	A4	3,433,146		Russell, K.S.	03-18-1969	
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